

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 22, 1902.

Stroller's Column.

Stroller has received two communications in the past two days regarding the Dawson dentist who is passing through an Ohio matrimony agency for a wife "right" who must be from 20 to 35 years of age, color not stipulated.

Letters received by the Stroller from ladies who do not hesitate to say they would like to get in with the dentist is so numerous that they fail to understand what the dentist is doing so well, who is the property, as he says he has six thousand bucks in the bank as he says he has stipulated in his advertisement matrimonial paper that the woman who becomes his wife "right" must have some money, or be content to an inheritance.

One who signs her name Bertie the Stroller to find out if the tooth carpenter is square or not. She says she is from 20 to 35, depending on what part of the year she is in. As the dentist says that he is not after a family she will suit that respect.

Two ladies referred to must be somewhere for assistance than to Stroller, as he declines to take any man's affairs who need the home supply and sends back to the Buckeye state to find a wife especially when, says in his "ad", he wants "right away." Had he applied to Stroller in the first place he would have been supplied even before he wanted notice reached the Stroller in the far east; but evidently the home product not to his taste, but must needs go to a far country to add to a wife. Verily, his actions are an insult to the marriage of the Yukon and the Stroller's advice is for them to write and tell him so. His address, given in the matrimonial paper, is lock box, Dawson, Y. T.

Rockwell, who lately left for the Koyukuk, may have had all his troubles were taken care of when he managed to get to the N. C. Co.'s reached there by wire, but recent arrival from the lower Yukon it is reported that his troubles were only beginning about the time.

Rockwell was preceded down the Yukon some days by Billie Thomas and Billie Devine, to whom he had given the information that he would follow along in a short time. He was mistaken for at every road house and saloon along the route from Dawson to Coldfoot on the Koyukuk the story is that the Billies told that "our business" was Mr. Rockwell, will be along some days with our stupendous and he will pay all our bills."

It is said that at every place along the Yukon Rockwell was being contacted by bills for board, lodging, cigars and other incidentals. It had been advanced to the two whether or not Rockwell the bills is not stated, but the bills are that they are still on the Yukon.

Probably there is no one agent of family discord than a woman. And yet some women are so happy as when standing and giving advice to their husbands about how to beat a carpet, window shades or put up a pipe.

Some women just as soon as they see one sickly and bilious robber seen in the neighborhood they jump in and tear the house all up. They rip carpets up from the stove, cold dinners, wear their shoes up in a towel or a stand for a week and expect their husbands to hurry home in the evening to beat carpet.

Stroller knows of several women in Dawson who, because the 8th day of May two weeks ago, have already moved their stoves back in the summer months that cows can get into, with the result that their husbands are wearing their overcoats to bed every morning.

There is a man longs for the old days of his single life when he is beating a carpet or a breakfast in an open shed and you have to hug the stove to keep warm. There is nothing like it.

down the throat of the man to whom he is feeding it. In order to become a boxer, Wilfrid, you should be both tall and wide. It is the duty of every young man to become familiar with boxing gloves, especially if he contemplates matrimony.

As to your second question, Wilfrid, it is not really necessary that your calling cards have gilt edges. In calling it is important to know how long to swing on the door knob after you get up to go. Some people contend that it is not necessary to call before 8.30 p. m., but if you have ordinary Dominion creek sense you will know when to call as soon as you skin over your hand.

Literary Young Lady, Dawson.—You say that when you go outside next year it is your intention to lecture on what you saw in the Klondike, but that the portion of your lecture already written does not please you. In this you will not doubt find many people who will agree with you. Why do you worry about the lecture until you get your costume all prepared? That is the most important thing. Get your costume first and think up the lecture afterwards.

Bertie, Grand Forks.—It was not Henry W. Longfellow that wrote that very thrilling little poem which starts out:—

Oh, Spring, Spring,
You giddy young thing,
You can learn three card monte very easily, Bertie, but you had better not do it. If you lived in the effete east it would not make any difference; but here in the west it may lead to serious results. The Stroller once had a near and dear friend with whom he was wont to play seven-up in the haymow. In an evil hour the youth learned to turn Jacks from the bottom of the deck when the other fellow was not looking. Later he came west. The first Jack he tried to turn from the bottom west of the Missouri river caused him to wake up on the shore of eternity with the half turned Jack in his hand and a hole in his cerebellum as big as a Waterbury watch. Better give up the idea, Bertie. Old Van Tripp was a three card monte artist and he was buried by public subscription.

Lucy, Gold Bottom.—Yes, you can let out the tucks in the side plaiting and baste in a new front where you caught the oyster stew in your lap. Benzine will eradicate an oyster stew, but too much of it will eradicate everybody in the room with you for the next week or two. The Stroller once knew a funeral that started with every symptom of success to be broken up and scattered by the arrival of an ancient maiden who had essayed to rejuvenate a pair of kid gloves with benzine.

Bride of Four Months.—Yes, brandy is an excellent thing for the scalp but do not put it on raw. Get your husband to drink the brandy then breathe on your scalp.

Aspiring Musician.—There is no reason why you should not teach yourself to play on the tuba. In fact, it is a very easy matter to become very proficient on the tuba. It was some eminent writer, Shakespeare, Willie Semple or Captain Woodside, who said: "Tuba or not tuba? that's the question." Start in at once and if the neighbors do not interfere and take your life, you will be a first class tuba performer when the robins nest again.

Fourteen-year-old Mehala.—St. Charles cream spread over the face and licked off by the cat will not remove freckles, but it will fatten the cat, giving it a smooth, glossy appearance. For itching feet, use Pear's soap.

Fond Mother.—It is not unusual for your six months' old Robbie to say "moo." Many children have said "moo" under four months of age and have grown up to be plain, ordinary mortals. To say "moo" at an early age does not foretell brilliancy in after life. Many children reach the "moo" stage more rapidly than they get out of it.

Taxpayer.—The hold-up you mention is not an indictable offense. It was the privilege of the council to feather its nest if it saw fit and defy public sentiment. Lay low and take your medicine. "Taxie!" There is really nothing for you to say until the next election, then you can get in and defeat somebody for the office of dog peltier if you are an astute politician. It is a long lane "Taxie" that has no fence across it.

Dinner a la carte.—Northern Cafe.

Artist.—I'd like to devote my last picture to a charitable purpose.

Critic.—Why not give it to an institution for the blind? — New York Herald.

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Not Much Doing at the Council Meeting

Spicy Communication From Dr. Catto Who Offers to Join in Work of Philanthropy.

Last night's meeting of the city council was rather tame, about the only thing occurring to relieve the monotonous routine being the reading of a spicy communication from Dr. Catto in reference to his bill for professional services, which the finance committee has turned down repeatedly. Then, too, it developed during the evening that the council proposes to raise the very devil himself and a small retinue of imps if Acting Commissioner Newlands does not call a meeting of the Yukon council and repeal some ordinances which now block the wheels of the municipal chariot. For the first time since the council became a body corporate his worship the mayor was absent and in his stead Alderman Macdonald, as president of the board occupied the chair.

The usual grist of petitions, communications and bills were read by the clerk, among the latter being two from the Northern Commercial Company for \$16 and \$4.75 and one from J. P. O'Connor for \$75. A protest signed by Gregory & Co. and Wm. Furnival upon the license it has been decided to charge auctioneers was submitted. They consider the fee of \$200 exorbitant and would like the privilege of meeting and consulting with members of the council before the bill comes up for the final reading. They ventured the opinion that a license of \$100 would be about the proper caper.

Quite a lengthy petition was read from the promoters of the Dawson Electric Railway Company asking that a bylaw be passed granting the company the privilege to construct, maintain and operate an electric railway on the streets of Dawson; to lay tracks, utilize existing bridges, erect poles, etc. The petition, which is signed by J. A. Williams, William White and others, sets out that when incorporated and the franchise for which is asked is received the company will at once begin the construction of the road and will have it completed and in full operation during the summer of 1902.

A. M. McKay filed a protest against the proposed cordwood tramway the Northern Fuel Company desires to construct and operate on Duke street. His residence is along the line of the street it is desired to utilize and he gives notice to the council that he will hold the city responsible for any depreciation in value that his property may suffer thereby in the event of the franchise being granted the company.

A long communication from J. Utlander addressed to the "Mare and council" which the clerk informed the members was composed of advice and suggestions as to how the city affairs should be managed, was tabled without reading. A like fate came very near being meted out to a letter from Dr. Catto, which would have been unfortunate, as by the lingering death which generally follows the tabling of communications it is desired to be rid of, that of the doctor would have sunk into oblivion and the gingery things it contained would thus have been lost forever. The doctor is something of a cynic and in his petition re his bill for professional services rendered an indignant he did some sarcastic stunts that were intended to make the council in general and the finance committee in particular look like thirty cents. He confesses to a mild sort of surprise at the persistent refusal of the finance committee to recommend the payment of his account, and especially so since learning that Dr. McArthur, who directed him to perform the service rendered, has been regarded as the city health officer since March. What astounds him most is that Alderman Adair should talk about the city going in for philanthropy and yet turn down an account which in a matter of life or death of a human being had been duly earned and afterward certified to by the proper officer. Perhaps the man for whom the service had been rendered should have been allowed to die; it may have been a mistake to have allowed him to live. The doctor further stated that Alderman Wilson had once asked him if he

would accept \$50 in payment of the bill, but he did not know whether at the time he was speaking as a private citizen or a member of the council. With rare sarcasm the council was informed the city treasury did not wholly belong to them; a part of it the citizens of Dawson had a claim upon and as the medical health officer has full power to act in the matter of life or death he was within his jurisdiction when he called for the professional assistance of the petitioner. The territorial government, he says, has no more to do with his bill than the fire department. The doctor ended his peroration by making a proposal that as the question of philanthropy had come up he would suggest that each of the members contribute one-eighth of the bill—\$25—and he would do likewise by discounting the total that amount.

"How strange," said he, "that Alderman Wilson has to be forced to accept a salary of \$1500 for his services, yet I who need the money so badly should be compelled to struggle so hard to squeeze out a paltry fee of \$200 from your august body."

The report of the finance committee recommended the amendment of the assessment ordinance so that assessments could be made any time after January 1. The bills of McLennan & McFeely for \$11.25 and John Jenkins for \$22.75 were ordered paid. The committee on bylaws and printing recommended the purchase of certain office stationery for the use of the city engineer.

Under the head of inquiries Alderman Murphy asked the city solicitor what position the auctioneers who already had a license would stand in in reference to the new license bylaw now before the council. The solicitor replied that those who had procured licenses from the territorial government since the incorporation would have to secure one also from the city but those issued prior to incorporation would hold until their expiration.

Alderman Adair moved the adoption of a resolution in reference to the petition of the Northern Fuel Company for permission to lay a wood tramway on Duke street. The resolution authorizes the company to proceed with their work according to the plans which they have filed and under the instructions of the city engineer, subject, however, to the right of the council to revoke the franchise should it ever interfere with any of the drains or other city improvements.

The committee on streets was directed to look into the application filed some time ago by parties desiring to sink a well in South Dawson, and the council decided to do nothing further with the license bylaw until an interview was had with Acting Commissioner Newlands.

On account of the absence of Mayor Macaulay the appointment of P. J. Nash as city clerk, as was published exclusively in yesterday evening's Nugget, was deferred until the next meeting.

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